

Patrol Chief David Aguilar. The vote comes as two border agents sit in jail for doing their jobs, combating illegal immigration.

If you are as outraged as I am about the unjust persecution of law enforcement agents, go to pardontheagents.com and sign an on-line petition urging President Bush to pardon Agents Ramos and Compean.

TBI BILL, H.R. 2179

(Mr. WALZ of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2179, the Traumatic Brain Injury Centers Act.

I introduced this bill because traumatic brain injury, or TBI, has become the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and it needs our Nation's full attention.

While new forms of military technology are routinely saving soldiers' lives from deadly explosive attacks, these survivors often return home suffering from TBI. Veterans suffering from TBI may have trouble relearning simple skills or might be left permanently unable to perform daily functions.

H.R. 2179 would help veterans and their families cope with TBI by creating five traumatic brain injury centers. These centers would conduct TBI research, develop improved models for TBI care, and provide education and training on TBI for VA staff. While the VA has built an impressive medical system that includes polytrauma centers, H.R. 2179 would ensure that the VA system includes centers solely focussed on TBI. These centers will be the focal point for research and education dealing with this injury.

As American servicemembers return home, many of them suffering from TBI, we owe them nothing less than the highest quality care this Nation can provide.

CORRUPTION IS ALIVE AND WELL IN CONGRESS

(Mr. SHAYS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, my Democratic colleagues talk about the great activity in the House.

We had great activity in the House before. You didn't have a do-nothing Congress last year. You had a do-nothing Senate. And you're going to have a do-nothing Senate again this year. You're going to stack up all your bills and you're going to be waiting just like we did.

The other outrage that is happening is there is a bill, H.R. 1294, that is going to recognize six Indian tribes, bypass the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Corruption is alive and well in this place again because that's what we did a few years ago. We stopped it. There is

a process that should be followed. Go before the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

How do we know what's a tribe? How do we know if there's economic, social, and political continuity of these tribes precolonial time?

The Democrats are bringing back a corrupt practice. I urge you to pay attention to this.

H.R. 1595, GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today we will consider the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

Two Federal commissions, one in 1947 and the other in 2004, recommended to the Congress that the people of Guam have not been made whole despite efforts to rehabilitate their lives and livelihoods that were destroyed during Guam's occupation by Japanese Imperial Forces during World War II.

Two Federal commissions have spoken about the atrocities of war they lived through: beheadings by public executions, rapes and torture. Two Federal commissions have underscored that the patriotism of the people of Guam during their occupation was unquestionable. Two Federal commissions recommended we make additional reparations to give them justice and parity.

It is past time that Congress heeds the recommendations of both Federal commissions to recognize their loyalty and patriotism. I urge my colleagues today to vote in favor of H.R. 1595, the Guam World War II Loyalty Act.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS MUST REALIZE THAT A CHANGE OF COURSE IS NEEDED IN IRAQ

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, last week President Bush vetoed a plan to fund our troops and to change the direction in Iraq. Following his veto, the House voted for the fourth time in 3 months for a new direction in Iraq and rejected the President's open-ended commitment.

Unfortunately, House Republicans have refused to join us in our attempts to change the course of the war. Republican Leader BOEHNER said over the weekend that he wants a clean bill. What he is really saying is that he wants us to rubber-stamp the President's war proposal. That's what Republican Congresses have been doing for 4 years, and it hasn't helped our military and it hasn't made America safer.

When are House Republicans going to realize that the American people overwhelmingly support benchmarks and a real plan to change direction in Iraq? One encouraging sign was when Leader

BOEHNER said this weekend that he would be willing to look at a plan B in September. Does that mean that House Republicans will finally begin to join us in changing the course of the war in Iraq? We'll have to wait and see.

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IN SUPPORT OF GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today's headline in Guam reads, "Island in state of mourning." This is because Guam has lost its 10th son to the war in Iraq. The headline could read the same after yesterday's call for a recorded vote by the Republican leadership on H.R. 1595, the Guam World War II Loyalty Act, a bipartisan bill giving parity to Guam after 63 years of inequity and injustice.

The question we must ask ourselves before this vote today is, will we ignore history? Will we be deaf to the testimonials of Guam's liberators, our U.S. servicemen, who spoke about Guam's patriotism in the face of enemy occupation? Will we vote against inequity for people who aided our military to take Guam back from the enemy, who greeted our military with tattered rags made into American flags?

A vote against H.R. 1595 is one against patriotic Americans. I urge my colleagues to support the Guam World War II Loyalty Act.

IN SUPPORT OF GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT

(Mr. SARBANES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1595, the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

When the Japanese invaded Guam during World War II, six U.S. servicemen remained on the island. Rather than surrender, these six men fled into the jungle. The Japanese soon learned of their presence and demanded that they turn themselves in. They threatened execution of anyone found helping the American soldiers.

Despite these threats, the American soldiers refused to surrender and the people of Guam continued to help them avoid capture. They faced long odds with the Japanese military conducting intense searches of the island, but one soldier, George Tweed, survived. Tweed was later awarded the Legion of Merit medal for his efforts. One of his protectors, Antonio Cruz Artero, was awarded the Medal of Freedom. Countless others who aided Tweed received nothing but the satisfaction of knowing they helped save the life of a man who symbolized hope for Americans to return and liberate Guam.